

REMARKS

I. Amendment to the Specification

The "Cross Reference to Related Applications" paragraph of the specification is amended herein to recite U.S. Patent No. 6,641,507, which corresponds with issued U.S. Application No. 09/379,560. The specification is also amended herein to recite the clarified priority claim of present application as detailed in the enclosed petition, which includes the priority claim of Application No. 08/919,695, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,961,424, to Provisional Application No. 60/038,726. No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

II. Provisional Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 32-40 are currently pending in the application. In the Office action, claims 32-40 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/461,588.

A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) is enclosed herewith to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 32-40. Therefore, it is believed that claims 32-40 are in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

For at least the reasons discussed herein, it is believed that all pending claims are in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

A petition for a two month extension of time to respond to the November 1, 2005 Office action is hereby requested, making this Amendment and Response due on or before Monday, April 3, 2006, as April 1, 2006 fell on a Saturday. Accordingly, please charge Deposit account No. 04-1415 in the amount of \$2,130.00, which includes the \$450.00 for the two-month extension fee; \$1,370.00 for the Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Claim fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t); \$130.00 for the terminal disclaimer fee; and \$180.00 for the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement fee. It is believed no further petitions or fees are due with respect to filing of this Amendment. Should any such petitions or fees be necessary, however, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit account No. 04-1415 accordingly. It is believed no further petitions or fees are due with respect to filing of

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this Amendment. Should any such petitions or fees be necessary, however, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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